

New VHS and DVD's

The Black Press: Soldiers Without Swords California Newsreel **VHS** 86 min.

The first film to chronicle the history of the Black press and its central role in the construction of modern African American identity. It recounts the largely forgotten stories of generations of Black journalists who risked life and livelihood so African Americans could represent themselves in their own words and images (from cover)

Chinatown Strangers In a Strange Land: A&E Television Networks, **VHS** 100 min.

Tells the story of the Chinese-American experience by venturing back 150 years to the beginning of the Chinese Diaspora to the Americas, and into the tight-knit communities that exist in nearly every North American city. Describes the prejudice and hatred Chinese-Americans have encountered, the contrast between their secretive ways and the openness of American society, and their steadfast adherence to ancient traditions and customs even while embracing and exploiting opportunities for self-advancement in their new land.

The Court-Martial of Jackie Robinson: Turner Home Entertainment, **VHS** 94 min.

Editorial Reviews *Description*

This made-for-TV film covers the early life of the future baseball star. Young college athlete Jackie Robinson learned early on not to bow his head to racist attacks. When he is drafted in World War II and stationed at a small-town Texas training camp, this trait gets him into trouble. Jackie is brought forward on a court-martial for insubordination when he refuses the orders of a white bus driver to go to the back of the bus (*Closed Captioned*) (from amazon.com).

Fly Girls; EGBH Educational Foundation **VHS** 60 min.

Drawing on archival footage, rarely seen home movies, and interviews with the participants themselves, "Fly Girls" tells the story of the Women's Air Force Service pilots (WASP). Led by America's most accomplished aviatrix Jacqueline Cochran, these courageous women logged more than sixty million miles, ferrying planes throughout the United States, test-piloting experimental aircraft, and training men to fly. Still, the WASP fought a daily, sometimes deadly, battle for respect. (*Closed captioned*)

From Hawaii To The Holocaust: A Shared Moment in History Direct Cinema Limited
VHS, 53 min.

The story of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, a unit composed of Asian-American soldiers that helped liberate Dachau. It's also the story of two peoples—Jews and Americans of Japanese Ancestry (AJAs)—who both experienced government sanctioned oppression, racism & prejudice during WWII. Former AJA soldiers & Jewish survivors now living in Hawaii share their personal memories of that era.

Gentleman's Agreement; Twentieth Century Home Entertainment, **DVD**, 118 min.

A journalist assigned to write a series of articles on Anti-Semitism decides to pose as a Jew and finds out first-hand what it is like to be the victim of intolerance. (*Close captioned*)

The Invisible Soldiers: Unheard Voices ComTel Productions Inc. **VHS** 55 min.

A powerful award-winning documentary on the contributions of African Americans in World War II. (*Closed captioned*)

Last Stand At Little Big Horn Educational Video Network Inc. **PBS VHS** 60 min.

Examines the Battle of the Little Bighorn, known as “Custer’s Last Stand,” from an Indian and white man’s perspective. Uses Journals, oral accounts, Indian ledger drawings, archival footage, and feature films to present the dual viewpoints of this historic event.

The Lords of Discipline; Paramount Home Video, novel by Pat Conroy, **VHS**, 103 min.

Carolina Military Institute has admitted, for the first time, a young Black man into its freshman class. Will is asked to protect him from The Ten—a secret society of cadets dedicated to eliminating from the school those it deems unfit. Steeped in myth and legend, The Ten’s power extends to every corner of Will’s life, and he is ultimately forced to risk his career, the love of his closest friends and his own life.

Marcus Garvey: Look For Me In The Whirlwind, Warner Home Video **DVD** 90 min.

Uses a wealth of archival film, photographs and documents to uncover the story of this Jamaican immigrant who between 1916 and 1921 built the largest black mass movement in world history. Also features interviews with people who witnessed the Garvey movement first hand.

Men Of Honor; 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, FOX, **DVD**, 128 min.

The courageous story of an African-American sailor who dared to dream of becoming a U.S. Navy Master Diver. Despite a ruthless training officer and a tragic shipboard accident, Carl’s iron will is never broken. Against all odds, he pushes on to achieve the impossible—Container. (*Closed Captioned*)

The Murder of Emmett Till PBS Home Video **VHS** 60 min.

The shameful, sadistic murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till, a black boy who whistled at a white woman in a Mississippi grocery store in 1955, was a powerful catalyst for the civil rights movement. Although Till’s killers were apprehended, they were quickly acquitted by an all-white, all-male jury and proceeded to sell their story to a journalist, providing grisly details of the murder. Three months after Till’s body was recovered, the Montgomery Bus Boycott began. (*Closed Captioned*).

Role Reversal A&E Home Video **VHS** 132 min.

Concerns the gender stereotyping and gender swapping experiences of two women and two men. The four participants in the project will live together for a month and be trained to assume a switch from one sex to another by various role experts.

Tryin' To Get Home: A History of African American Song

Heebie Jeebie Music **VHS** 59 min.

A one-man show that follows African-American music from slavery's spirituals to contemporary rap. Performed by Kerrigan Black at La Pena Cultural Center, Berkeley, Calif., June 17, 1990. Includes photos and film clips illustrating aspects of African-American life. Concludes with brief biographical segment about Kerrigan Black.

Uncle Sam's Men KYUK Video Productions **VHS** 26 min.

Tells the story of the men and women who served in the Tundra Army of Alaska's Territorial Guard during WWII, more than half of whom were Alaskan natives.

Women in the U.S. Armed Forces Defense Visual Information Center

A collection of images of women in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Zoot Suit Riots, PBS **VHS** 60 min.

Racial tensions between the Anglo and Mexican American communities in Los Angeles, California erupted into violence after the conviction of Henry "Hank" Leyvas and seventeen other Mexican American youths for the murder of Jose Diaz in what was perceived as an unfair trial in 1943. Lorena Encinas, a witness to the murder, kept the real killer's identity a secret until the end of her life. Prominent members of the Los Angeles community worked to fund an appeal for the defendants, even as battles between unruly US Naval personnel and Mexican Americans rocked L.A.'s barrios. Surviving family members of the seventeen convicts, riot witnesses and members of the Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee tell the story of the riots, which is highlighted by photographs of the riots, the trial and their participants.